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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Only the Sub-Magistrate, Poonamallee, who was deputed to hold Court at Avadi between the 17th and 23rd January 1955, was paid travelling allowance. Nobody else was paid any travelling allowance.

(b) No.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 58-2-0 was incurred towards travelling allowance in respect of the Sub-Magistrate, Poonamallee.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the hon. Judges of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, were all invited for this political gathering by any political party chief?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government have no information. (Laughter.)

Local Development Works

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, both the questions Nos. 2777 and 2778 may be taken up together.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, they may be taken up together.

* 2777 *Q.*—M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be peased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for Local Development Works in South Kanara for 1954–55;

(b) whether the whole amount sanctioned was spent during the year; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Rs. 3,02,700.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The entire grant allotted could not be spent as there was not sufficient enthusiasm for the works from the people.

* 2778 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the estimated cost of the schemes under Local Development sanctioned for South Kanara in 1955–56?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One hundred and ninety works, involving a total estimated cost of Rs. 8,03,840 have been included under the Local Development Works Programme for 1955–56.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, these works are expected to be completed by the 31st of March but the estimates for bridge work and other building works have not been prepared and it may not be possible to complete them by that period. So, will the Government consider the desirability of extending the period till June so that these works can be completed as during the rainy season which lasts for about six months it is not possible to prepare the estimates?